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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
TRANSGENDER AND QUEER HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND
OPPORTUNITY NETWORK.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-132 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) There is established a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and
4 Queer Health, [and] Human Services and Opportunity Network to
5 make recommendations to the state legislative, executive and judicial
6 branches of government concerning the promotion of equitable access
7 to opportunities for, the delivery of health and human services to, and
8 educational awareness about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and
9 queer persons in the state.

10 (b) The network shall work to build a safer and healthier environment
11 for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer persons by (1)
12 conducting a needs analysis, within available appropriations, (2)
13 collecting additional data on the health and human services needs of
14 such persons as necessary, (3) informing state policy through reports

15 submitted at least biennially, in accordance with the provisions of
16 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
17 having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services,
18 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, other legislative
19 committees as necessary, the Governor and the Chief Court
20 Administrator, and (4) building organizational member capacity,
21 leadership and advocacy across the geographic and social spectrum of
22 the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

23 (c) The network shall include, but need not be limited to, the
24 following members, or their designees:

25 [(1) The president of Connecticut Latinas/os Achieving Rights and
26 Opportunities (CLARO);

27 (2) The executive director of the Safe Harbor Project;]

28 [(3)] (1) The executive director of the New Haven Pride Center;

29 [(4) The executive director of True Colors, Inc.];]

30 [(5)] (2) The executive director of the Triangle Community Center; [in
31 Norwalk;]

32 [(6)] (3) The executive director of [AIDS Connecticut] Advancing CT
33 Together;

34 [(7)] (4) The [executive director] board president of the Connecticut
35 chapter of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN);

36 [(8) The executive director of the Rainbow Center at The University
37 of Connecticut;]

38 (5) The executive director of Kamora's Cultural Corner;

39 [(9)] (6) The executive director of the Hartford Gay [and] & Lesbian
40 Health Collective;

41 [(10)] (7) The executive director of the Connecticut [Transadvocacy]

42 TransAdvocacy Coalition;

43 [(11)] (8) The board president of OutCT; [in New London;]

44 [(12) The executive director of the Queer Unity Empowerment
45 Support Team;]

46 [(13)] (9) The executive director of the Commission on Women,
47 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity;

48 [(14) A lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer physician,
49 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, appointed by the speaker of the House
50 of Representatives;]

51 (10) The president of Connecticut Community Care;

52 (11) The executive director of Q Plus; and

53 (12) The following members appointed by the chairpersons of the
54 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
55 matters relating to human services:

56 (A) A lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer physician, licensed
57 pursuant to chapter 370;

58 (B) A lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer mental health
59 provider, licensed pursuant to chapter 370;

60 (C) A representative of the Latino, Latina, LatinX or Puerto Rican
61 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community;

62 (D) A representative of the African American/Black lesbian, gay,
63 bisexual, transgender and queer community;

64 (E) A representative of the LGBTQ Plus women community;

65 (F) A lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer person with
66 disabilities;

67 (G) A representative of the Transgender, Nonbinary or Intersex

68 community;

69 (H) A representative of the LGBTQ Plus youth services sector;

70 (I) Rotating representatives of the Pride Network;

71 (J) Rotating representatives of the College LGBTQ Plus services and
72 support community;

73 (K) Rotating representatives of the HIV/AIDS service sector;

74 (L) A member of the LGBT Aging Advocacy coalition; and

75 [(15)] (M) An LGBT Veteran Care coordinator assigned to a health
76 care facility in the state administered by the United States Department
77 of Veterans Affairs, [appointed by the president pro tempore of the
78 Senate;

79 (16) A member of the LGBT Aging Advocacy coalition, appointed by
80 the Governor; and

81 (17) The president of Connecticut Community Care.]

82 (d) [Members shall serve at the will of the speaker of the House of
83 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate, who may
84 each appoint additional members and set term limits for each member.
85 Appointments] Initial appointments to the network shall be made [not
86 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section] pursuant to
87 subsection (c) of this section. Members shall choose chairpersons. Any
88 vacancy shall be filled by the [speaker of the House of Representatives,
89 acting in consultation with the president pro tempore of the Senate]
90 appointing authority or a majority vote of members of the network.

91 (e) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children,
92 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall provide administrative support
93 to the network and shall administer network funds through a fiscal
94 agent, with the advice and consent of the network. The network may
95 use such funds as may be available from federal, state or other sources

96 and may enter into contracts to carry out the purposes of the network,
97 including, but not limited to, contracts for administrative support,
98 programmatic initiatives and grantmaking. The network may also
99 utilize voluntary and uncompensated services of private individuals,
100 state or federal agencies and organizations as may, from time to time, be
101 offered and needed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	19a-132
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Statement of Purpose:

To update the membership and change the title of a network serving health and human service needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]